



TERHUNE ORCHARDS NEWS

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A Holiday Tradition: Gift Boxes and Baskets from Terhune Orchards

Terhune Orchards gift boxes, shipped all over the USA, have become a tradition for many families and their friends. Our specially

designed boxes protect fruit and goodies for travel. Boxes can be made with any of the fruits and goodies in our Farm Store. Our tried and true apple boxes of 18 of Terhune Orchards' best apples are great for apple lovers near and far. Terhune Orchards "sampler" (medium or large size) includes apples, homemade fruit breads, cookies, apple butter or jam, trail mix or mixed nuts, chocolates and candies and more.



honey, Amwell Valley popcorn, New Jersey cheese sticks, local barbeque sauce. These boxes are a wonderful way to celebrate the best of New Jersey with family and friends.

If you worry about sending apples too far away, we have a gift box with all non-perishable goodies. It includes a Terhune



Orchards mug, jam, New Jersey honey, cookies, trail mix, hot chocolate and candies.

Send a gallon of Terhune Orchards fresh-pressed cider. Our cider – frozen for the trip—can be shipped anywhere in the USA. Just thaw and enjoy!

Gift boxes from Terhune Orchards are a delightful gift for family, friends or business

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For something unique try our "Taste of New Jersey" boxes (medium or large size). Featuring grown or made in New Jersey with Terhune Orchards apples and homemade fruit breads, cookies, Thomas Sweet chocolates, Jersey Blue tea, New Jersey

Mount Family Holiday

The Mount Family has a lot to be thankful and joyful about this year. First are our wonderful customers and friends who support what we are trying to do here at the farm. It gives us and the Terhune Orchards staff a great sense of joy and satisfaction to see and hear from you and your family how much you value and enjoy our farm.

Then there is the thanks and joy that our family is safe and sound. Son Mark returned from his third tour of duty in Afghanistan at the end of October as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. We are very proud



The Mount Family: Pam and Gary; daughter Reuwai, son-in-law Mike, and their daughters Maya, Sasha, and Tess; daughter Tannwen, son-in-law Jim, and their son Becket.

Wassailing the Apple Trees— Sunday, February 8, 1-4 pm

Our orchards are special places changing each season of the year. It may seem unusual to celebrate apple tress in the middle of winter but in fact the trees are hibernating in order to be ready for the growing season. The buds, which will be leaves or apples, are already on the branches. Our wassailing job is to protect them through this winter so when April and May arrive, they will bloom and produce apples.

So how does it work?

Terhune Orchards celebrates the winter season in the apple orchard. Wassailing is an ancient British tradition meant to drive away the evil spirits from the orchard to protect them using noise makers and chants. We build a bonfire to keep off the chill and roast marshmallows. Families and friends around the bonfire chant tradi-

tional verses to call to the positive spirits into the orchards. We hang cider-soaked bread in the apple trees for the spirits (or the farm animals, especially the dogs). Drums, bells, whistles and homemade noisemakers help with the call. Free hot cider and fresh donuts help the crowd warm their spirits.

The Handsome Molly dancers, now a tradition at Terhune



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of his dedication to the army and his service to his country. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg in Georgia.

Reuwai and Mike's family have settled in their second year at Lawrenceville School. Our granddaughter Maya is now four years old, and is often seen in the store "working" on Saturday mornings as Friday is sleep over day. The twins are now 18 months old and are learning to talk and run, important qualities for the next generation of Terhune Orchards Apple Corps. Reuwai continues her hectic schedule as head of the science department at Lawrenceville School along with her teaching schedule. Mike continues his history teaching and has taken on oversight of the school-sponsored trips and outings for the students.

Tannwen and Jim are a bigger family this year with the birth of Becket in March. He is a great joy to all of us with a ready smile. Jim is a tenured teacher now with the Montgomery highschool teaching AP Government and Politics which makes for lively dinner table discussion at our Sunday family suppers. Tannwen is back working full time at the farm. She is indispensable

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Farmland Preservation

by Gary Mount

The Mount family is celebrating the permanent preservation of our 26-acre pick-your-own orchard on Van Kirk Rd this winter.

This means that all four of the farms that we farm on Cold Soil and on Van Kirk Roads are now permanently preserved. The importance of this to us can hardly be overstated. To plan for the future and to maintain a viable farm enterprise, farmers need stability, especially those who grow permanent crops such as our apples, peaches, pears, cherries and berries.

Farmland Preservation is many good ideas in one program. In New Jersey, the Program started with legislation and a bond referendum in 1981. It was designed to slow conversion of farmland to development and to assure a viable farming industry for the future. However, it got off to a slow start. In our county it was about five years before we had our first applicant, the former Ed Hendrickson dairy farm which is now a thriving nursery. As a preserved farm, it does not require additional municipal services—such as education for the families who might have lived there had it been developed. The farm provides open space for the whole community. And it helps a viable farm business to continue into the future. The crops grown on New Jersey's preserved farms do not have to be trucked in—they are grown right here.

After the slow start, the program has become very active. To date about one billion dollars has been spent. Over 1,700 farms have been preserved—almost 179,000 acres! This makes New Jersey a

national leader in farmland preservation.

Of even stronger importance to us is the meaning of permanence to the next generation of our farm family. We are lucky to have children who are interested in our farm business. It remains to be seen how they will continue with the farm as their lives change and their families grow. But having the land available to farm is the basic building block.

For us to preserve a farm means giving up something. We get paid by the government to do it, but we give up the opportunity to sell to a developer who would most times pay more. But we still own the land and it is available to us for farming. The money we get will be used for farm improvements—namely a new barn and apple cold storage, which is a long time dream. More about that in the next newsletter. Happy Holidays!

Thank You!

A fond thank you to Bette Kindman-Koffler who has helped us write these newsletters for the past 25-plus years. She has helped make them lively, creative, and real. We will miss her enthusiasm and dedication.

Order Pies, Crisps and Turkeys Now for Thanksgiving

Holidays are full of traditions for the Mount family. This Thanksgiving will be no exception. The Thanksgiving tables grows significantly with daughters Reuwai and Tannwen and their families, son Mark, aunts, uncles, cousins.



We expect that this happens at your home as well and so Terhune Orchards tries to help out knowing that organizing a large or small dinner can be daunting, so lets start with desserts! Order your pies and apple crisps now. We will have pies available if you just drop by. For side dishes the store will be loaded with all our fresh vegetables including greenhouse-grown lettuces, squash, brussel sprouts, organic potatoes, maybe even the last of the season organic tomatoes. Then the turkey – we are taking orders up until Wednesday, November 19 for fresh—not frozen—local

turkeys—12 pound minimum, hormone and antibiotic free. Our family favorite, fresh cranberry-orange relish and also cranberry salsa, round out the dinner.

Don't forget the fresh pressed apple cider—serve it hot or cold. So don't worry, Terhune Orchards can help for Thanksgiving or dinner parties throughout the winter holiday season!

Apple 10"
Apple 9"
Apple Blueberry Crisp
Apple Cranberry 9"
Apple Cranberry Crisp
Apple Crisp
Apple no sugar 9"
Apple Streusel 9"
Apple Walnut 9"
Blueberry 9"
Cherry 9"
Cherry no sugar 9"
Coconut Custard 10"
Lemon Blueberry 9"
Mama's Apple Cake
Mince 10"
Peach 9"
Peach Melba 9"
Peach no sugar 9"
Pecan 10"
Pumpkin 10"
Strawberry Rhubarb 9"
Sweet Potato 10"
Very Berry 9"

Holidays Equals Cookies

Terhune Orchards is stocking up with all your family's favorite cookies for the holidays. Sugar cookies or gingerbread cookies cut into traditional holiday shapes—Santa Claus, trees, stars, flowers, farm animals and decorated with all sorts of colored frosting.

Terhune Orchards' bakers make 16 different varieties of holiday cookies from



scratch with all fresh ingredients. No peanuts are used in our bakery. Shortbread, thumbprints, almond crescents, Russian tea cakes, Linzer torts to name a few. How about your favorite chocolate chip, double chocolate or snickerdoodles, oatmeal raisin, and gingersnaps?

Buy the cookies by the pound or arranged in decorative baskets or boxes. Entertaining for the holiday tea or lunch or breakfast/brunch, our tea breads are just the thing—apple, zucchini, banana, cranberry, pumpkin, and blueberry. The Terhune Orchards bakers surpass themselves with our sour cream, lemon and gingerbread loaves. All breads freeze well so you can keep them on hand.

2008 Photography Contest Winners "What I Love about Terhune Orchards"



First Place –Heather Diskin "Apples"



Honorable Mention – Anna Garcia "Farm Dog"

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Pam Loves Flowers

She fills the store with blooming bulbs all winter. In single pots or combination baskets, the blooms cheer up even the cloudiest winter day. Usually by February, Pam's great selection of big Freesia plants start to bloom, single or double blooms last for weeks at home. Primrose and cyclamen add to the choices. Pam plants the bulbs in October and chills them for six weeks or more in a special cooler next to the greenhouse. Then all winter, she takes out a few plants at a time and lets them grow and blossom in the greenhouse.

So, don't wait until April or May for tulips or tete tete's, they are smiling in the farmstore for you all winter.



Terhune's Fresh Lettuce Available All Year Long

All winter and spring you can enjoy tender, delicious young lettuce grown in the Terhune Orchards greenhouse. We have several varieties that grow especially well in a greenhouse environment. These lettuce varieties are fresh-grown all winter long and are available in the Farm Store by the head or growing in pots.

We have Red Leaf, Green Leaf, Boston, and Arugala.



Arugala: peppery and slightly bitter flavor. Arugula is a terrific green to liven up a bland salad. It can be gently braised.

Green Leaf Lettuce: great in sandwiches, salads, and as a garnish. Has fairly large, loose heads and thick, "crumply" leaves. Color is medium to dark-green, blending to nearly white ribs.

Red Leaf Lettuce: The red pigment in this lettuce contains small amounts of fairly strong antioxidants. Offers lots of vitamins A and K, plus Beta Carotene and lutein.

Boston Lettuce: A type of Butterhead Lettuce with soft, tender leaves. Great in salads and sandwiches or use the leaves as a bed for other dishes.

Holiday Gift Boxes and Baskets

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acquaintances any time throughout the year and can be shipped anywhere in the U.S. These boxes are quick and easy as well as unique gifts. Just stop by the Farm Store or call us with your order (609 924-2310). Our Terhune Orchards staff will hand package your gift, include your gift card greeting and ship in time for holiday delivery or for any other special occasion during the year. Give us your entire holiday gift list and we will do the rest!

goods, Thomas Sweet chocolates, New Jersey honey, local barbeque sauce, New Jersey grown popcorn, New Jersey made cheese sticks, New Jersey Blueberry Tea, apple cider, peach cider and more.



Terhune Orchards Gift Baskets

The perfect Terhune Orchards gift basket is a beautiful celebration of "local" and delicious. - You can't go wrong with a gift of local food. Starting at \$25 there is something for everyone on your list. Our friendly staff is happy to assemble a basket that is sure to please. These unique baskets are filled with goodies from our Farm Store, tasty homemade cookies and fruit breads, jams and jellies, cheese, and specialty food items.

This year we are highlighting "New Jersey Made and Grown". Give a "Taste of New Jersey" basket with the many local items we carry, our apples, our home baked

Baskets can be delivered in the Lawrenceville and Princeton area or picked up at the Farm Store. Please call 609 924-2310 to place your holiday order. No order is too large or too small. Perfect for friends and family or your whole office. More details can be seen on our web site under the "Farm Store" tab.

You can see photographs and more information about our gift boxes and baskets on our web site at http://www.terhuneorchards.com/store_gifts.html

Can't decide? Send a Terhune Orchards Gift Card, the gift that keeps giving! Call or stop by to order.

Wassail the Apple Trees

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Orchards, dance and chant traditional rural "molly" dances of 19th Century England. The Handsome Molly dancers are dressed in black except for one brightly dressed "molly".

Our evil spirit chasers can enjoy a wagon ride around the orchards and listen to wonderful traditional music provided by Spiced Punch in the Farm Market. Wassailing the apple trees is free to all. Come and enjoy winter in the orchard! Sunday February 8, 1-4 pm.



Mount Family

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as she manages all the farm activities and staff.

Pam and Gary spend as much time as possible with these precious little ones but continue with their community commitments. Pam as a Lawrence Township Councilwoman now in her third term and serves on many town committees, Planning Board, Truck & Traffic, Open Space and others. She is also a board member of the Lawrence Community Foundation and the Executive Committee of the Lawrence Hopewell Trail and the Lawrence Nature Center. Statewide, Pam is honored to serve on the board of New Jersey Future, the New Jersey Agricultural Society and Chairman of Farmers Against Hunger and also serves on the DEP Clean Air Council, the NJ Mayors Council for a Green Future. Gary continues his community involvement both locally with the Carnegie Lake Rowing Association and Mercer County Soil and Water Conservation, the board of the Friends of Howell Living History Farm, and the Princeton Agricultural Association. Statewide, he is on the board of the New Jersey Horticultural Society and the Farm Service Agency.

The Mount Family and the Terhune Orchards Staff wish everyone a happy, prosperous and involved Holiday season!



Calendar of Events – 2008-2009

Nov. 25 and 26, 2008	Open until 7pm	Mar. 17, 2009	Read & Explore, 10am
Nov. 27, 2008	Happy Thanksgiving- Open 9-12	Mar. 29, 2009	Pruning Class by Gary Mount, 1pm
Dec. 25, 2008	Merry Christmas Farm closed	Apr. 11, 2009	Bunny Chase, 1-3pm
Jan. 1, 2009	Happy New Year Farm closed	Apr. 12, 2009	Bunny Chase, 1-3pm
Jan. 17, 2009	Read & Explore, 10am	Apr. 24, 2009	Arbor Day Celebration, 10am-4pm
Feb. 8, 2009	Wassailing the Apple Trees, 1-4pm	May 2, 2009	Kite Day, 10am-5pm
Feb. 10, 2009	Read & Explore, 10am	May 3, 2009	Kite Day, 10am-5pm

Terhune Orchards Farmstore, Farm yard are open every day, 9-6 Mon-Fri, 9-5 Sat-Sun

Read and Explore Winter 2009

Read and Explore, a cure for cabin fever! Our fun and educational programs continue through the winter season with three sessions.

January 17th, Tuesday at 10am – The Gingerbread Man

We'll read the classic tale and each child decorates a big gingerbread man cookie to take home. Kids will be amazed about how many of the gingerbread man ingredients come from farms.



February 10th, Tuesday at 10am – Animals In Winter

Weather permitting we'll visit our farm animals and see if we can match tracks to each. We read "When Winter Comes" and make bird feeders to take home and help the birds through winter.

March 17th, Tuesday at 10am – Getting Ready for Spring

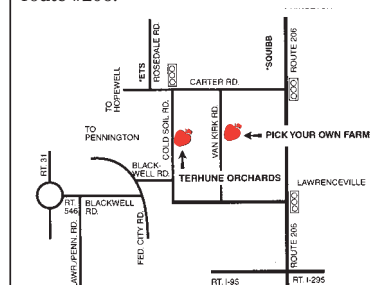
We will get ready to wake up from winter and prepare to start gardening. Saint Patrick's day, March 17, is the traditional day to plant peas and spinach and get the garden ready. Our reading is a selection from "Frog and Toad are Friends". Each child plants seeds to take home.

Registration for all sessions is requested. Call 609 924-2310.



Directions to Terhune Orchards

Directions: Travel on the New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 9, transfer to Route #1 South for about 20 miles, then take Interstate 95 South (different from the NJ Turnpike) to the second exit for Rte 206 North, Lawrenceville-Princeton. Take route #206 to the fourth traffic light and turn left onto Cold Soil Road. The main farm is on the right, 3 miles from route #206.



Gingerbread Houses

Children (young and old) love the magic (and eating fun) of Holiday Gingerbread Houses. Terhune Orchards has been making them for years. Son Mark Mount's favorite December birthday party activity was making and eating Gingerbread Houses.

Now you can choose our ready-made and decorated houses of all colors and designs star-studded with candies. Also available are built, but not decorated, gingerbread houses with the candies, frosting and directions are included for you to have



the fun of finishing off the house. This is an excellent idea for children's parties.

Or, for do-it-yourselfers, get the Gingerbread House Kit, which includes all the baked pieces, and candies and frosting directions for you to assemble and decorate yourself. Gingerbread houses can be nibbled on for weeks throughout the holidays!

Gingerbread Houses and Kits even travel well. We can send them anywhere in the U.S. Call the Farm Store at 609-924-2310.

Photo Contest Winners

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Honorable Mention – Michelle Ruiz "Choosing Pumpkins"

Season's Greetings

As our family gathers to celebrate this holiday season, we pause to reflect on the joys and blessings of family, community, and the liberties, and freedoms that we all cherish.

We truly appreciate your patronage, loyalty, and friendship. Please accept our warmest wishes for joy and success in the new year.

*The Mount Family and
The Staff of Terhune Orchards*

